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THE CITY COUNCIL

What is the matter with the city council? That is the question that one hears on all sides. The governing body of the city has not held a meeting for nearly two months and yet it is supposed to meet regularly twice in every thirty days. There is something radically wrong and it is high time for the citizens to take a hand.

The business of the city of Las Vegas is entrusted to the care of the city council. The members of that body, on being elected and taking office, voluntarily assume the responsibility of running the city's affairs. This they are not doing when they allow the summer months to pass without letting a single cement contract; when they allow a half year to pass without taking any action whatever on a matter of such vital importance as the sewer question. These men who have been elected to transact the city's business are doing an injustice to the community and are not treating their constituents fairly when they fail to devote themselves to the duties which they sought and for the performance of which they were chosen by the people. They would not handle their own business affairs in such careless fashion.

Moreover, the council as a whole is doing an injustice to those members of it who are on hand at meeting time. It should be a prerequisite to membership in the city council that a man should promise publicly to attend its meetings and perform the duties of his office.

Last night was regular meeting night and there were not enough members on hand to constitute a quorum. And last night was not the first time that this thing has happened. It has happened only too often and should stop—or be stopped. No man who will not do his duty should be elected to the office of councilman. This in some form ought to be the issue at the next city election.

THE RATON REPORTER

This is the name of a paper that has never been heard of till now, and probably will never be heard of again. That it pretends to represent the sentiments of the city of Raton we have no doubt; and we are equally certain that in so pretending, it misrepresents them.

On Friday last, in a front page article that is obtaining undue and unusual notice by this reference to it, the editor of the Reporter opened the vent of his surcharged soul and emptied the vials of his unmanly and unseemly wrath on the territorial supreme court. His method was indirect; he attempted to conceal the enormity of his undignified and unworthy offense by a bitter attack on Socorro. In that attack The Optic and this town have no interest. That is a matter to be threshed out by the champions of Socorro, of which this paper does not purpose to be one, and the Reporter. But when the Reporter takes occasion to state that "the town (Socorro) has made a sucker of the territorial supreme court," as it did state, The Optic takes occasion to say that the statement is unworthy of the town in which it saw the light, that we do not believe it represents the sentiment of Raton. Such a low and dastardly insinuation against the supreme court of this territory cannot but reflect gross discredit on New Mexico. How any man who has the least self-respect, the least regard for his own dignity, the least consideration for republican institutions, could have written it, it is impossible to conceive. For this reason, we do not consider it to be a fair expression of Raton sentiment. That the city of Raton may harbor some slight ill-feeling toward certain quarters we do not deny; that that city does not sanction innuendoes against and despicable statements about the supreme court of this territory, as a

court, we stoutly maintain. The city is merely unfortunate in having such an irresponsible and unrepresentative paper as the Reporter. All this we say with due deference to the citizens of Raton, and with no respect for the Reporter.

Welcome, thrice welcome, are the members of the territorial militia, who went into camp at the rifle range near this city today.

PYTHIAN SANATORIUM FORMALLY INCORPORATES

The National Pythian Sanatorium Association, which proposes to establish a national sanatorium near East Las Vegas to cost in the neighborhood of a million dollars, yesterday filed incorporation papers with the territorial secretary at Santa Fe under the benevolent associations clause of the incorporation act.

The headquarters are to be in this city and Dr. Francis T. B. Fest is named as the New Mexico agent. The trustees are George M. Hanson, of Calais, Maine, president; Charles P. Easley, of Santa Fe, vice-president; Otto G. Schaefer of East Las Vegas, secretary and treasurer; Thomas J. Carling, Macon, Georgia; George E. Samuels of Oakland, California; William R. O'Neal of Orlando, Florida; George G. McConnell, Chicago; Howell Earnest of Clayton, and Charles M. Bernhardt of East Las Vegas.

Under the incorporation filings four of the trustees are always to be residents of New Mexico. The other trustees are scattered from Maine to California and Florida.

SPECIAL CAR SERVICE TO THE RIFLE RANGE

The Las Vegas Traction company will inaugurate a special street car service to the rifle range during the next two weeks, or until the encampment of the national guard is over.

The first car each morning will leave the Castaneda hotel at 8 o'clock, and this will be the only car in the morning, it making the return trip at noon.

From 1 p. m. a car will make the trip out and back every half hour until 8:30, the last car leaving the asylum corner on the return trip at 9 p. m.

The last car out to the end of the line at night will leave the Castaneda hotel at 10:30 o'clock. After this hour those soldiers who are in town will be obliged to make the two-mile hike to the camp on foot.

PAPKE LICKED BY FIREMAN JIM FLYNN

Naud Junction Arena, Los Angeles, July 15.—In ten rounds of vicious fighting, Jim Flynn of Pueblo, Colo., bested Billy Papke, of Spring Valley, Ill., before the Pacific Athletic club here last night.

Of the ten rounds, Flynn had a decided lead in four, four others were even and the remaining two were Papke's. Flynn had a slight advantage in weight and made good use of it. He rushed Papke throughout the fight and had the Illinois man holding on repeatedly. Flynn's face showed the effects of the contest, his mouth, nose and left eye being badly swollen. Half a dozen times Flynn rushed Papke through the ropes and once the Illinois man fell to his knees from the effects of a shower of blows to the face.

WELLS MURDER TRIAL WILL BE SENSATIONAL

Roswell N. M., July 15.—The trial of W. T. Wells, the capitalist accused of the murder of Ollie S. Shirley, as the result of a labor controversy, halted temporarily yesterday afternoon, when the regular venire of talesmen was exhausted and a special venire was ordered. Only four jurors thus far have been accepted. That the case is being resolved into a battle between capital and labor is seen by the fact that jurors are being questioned as to their ability to judge testimony unaffected by their labor leanings. Frank W. Clancy, attorney general of the New Mexico, is here by the order of Governor Curry to aid the prosecution. R. L. Graves, formerly of Boise, Idaho, is aiding the defense.

SUIT GOES AGAINST FORMER LEGISLATOR

This morning Chief Justice William J. Mills rendered a decision in the case of M. W. Mills, vs. Alexander S. Bushkevitz, No. 3065 Colfax county. The judgment was dated July 14, 1909, and is in favor of the plaintiff, for \$883.33 interest at 10 per cent and

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EXPRESS RATES TO ARIZONA CUT DOWN

The interstate commerce commission has ordered the Wells-Fargo Express company to reduce its rates from Denver and intermediate points to Phoenix, Ariz., and surrounding points, and in its decision confirms a previous report to the effect that the earnings of the Wells-Fargo company are excessive.

The commission says that the property used by the express company in its business cost only \$2,385,825, yet it earned in one year, gross, \$24,490,669, out of which it paid all costs of operation, paid a 10 per cent dividend on its capital stock and still had \$2,300,000 undistributed profits on hand.

A recent case against the Adams Express company was used by the commission upon which to present its argument that the Wells-Fargo company's earnings showed its rates to be unreasonable and unjust.

The commission promulgated the rates it considered reasonable, which are \$8 per 100 pounds on merchandise and \$4 on special and general shipments from Denver. Owing to peculiar local conditions, Arizona does a larger express business in proportion to freight business than any other section of the United States.

GRANT COUNTY MINER MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING

Lordsburg, N. M., July 15.—James Sterling, 55 years of age, a blacksmith by trade, but for the past 25 years a miner making his headquarters here and at Gold Hill, is missing and every effort to locate him has proved unavailing. It is believed that Sterling became mentally deranged while out on one of his trips, lost his way and perished in the desert. The last heard of him was a week ago at D. H. Wright's ranch where he rode up and asked for food, taking away some bread in a sack. His horse was afterwards found at the Rock House near Silver City and his field glasses and shot gun were also discovered, but absolutely no trace of the man has been found. Sterling owned several pieces of mining property at Gold Hill and some real estate in Lordsburg. He was wealthy.

TRINIDAD ELKS PLAN MAMMOTH PICNIC SUNDAY

Trinidad, Colo., July 15.—The Trinidad Elks have completed arrangements for a monster picnic Sunday at the Wootton ranch, where Col. Owenby, president of the Wootton Land & Fuel company, has granted them the use of the grounds for that day. One of the feature sporting events of the picnic will be a baseball game between a nine picked from the convicts working on the state highway nearby and a team from the Elks' lodge.

Sheriff Cleofes Romero is in receipt of a letter from Don Felix Garcia at Chaparrito stating that his team of horses had been stolen. Mounted Policeman Apolonio A. Sena will leave for the Chaparrito vicinity tomorrow morning and endeavor to recover the animals and arrest the thief.

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EXTEND TIME OF IRRIGATION SHOW

Notice has been received by the Commercial club that the interest already shown by the public in the United States Land & Irrigation exposition to be held in Chicago beginning November 20, has impelled the management of the show to extend the date of closing to December 4, making it a two weeks' event instead of one.

It is calculated that Chicago people will visit the exposition the first week. The International Live Stock exposition opening November 27, is expected to attract half a million visitors to Chicago for the double attraction the second week. The charge for space is based on the estimated cost of the exposition one week and it has been decided to make an additional charge to exhibitors on account of the increased time the exposition will be open. Space in the Coliseum, in which the show will be held, will be arranged in zones, each section of the country receiving a certain proportion.

Space is being contracted rapidly and it is believed in Chicago that the show will be the biggest agricultural fair in certain respects ever held. Judging from the interest manifested there will be a large exhibit from New Mexico and from individual growers of grains, fruits and vegetables in all parts of the territory. It is the general opinion that the rapidly growing importance of this territory as an agricultural commonwealth demands that large advantage be taken of this exposition.

ANDREWS INTRODUCES TWO BILLS FOR BRIDGES

Washington, July 15.—Delegate W. H. Andrews of New Mexico today introduced two bills, asking appropriations for building bridges in that territory. One carries an appropriation of \$30,000 for a bridge across the Rio Grande at Walmesley Crossing, Taos county; the other \$9,200 for a bridge spanning the Red river in the same county.

Delegate Cameron of Arizona, today introduced a bill to admit that territory to statehood, it being almost identical with the statehood bill introduced a week ago by Senator Flint of California.

DEATH CLAIMS RAYNOLDS BABY; ILLNESS BRIEF

This afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family home on Seventh street Jefferson Reynolds, 2nd, the year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hallett W. Reynolds, passed away after a brief illness with stomach trouble. While the child was known to be seriously ill, hope for his recovery was held out to the very last, doctors being almost constantly in attendance. The father is assistant cashier of the First National bank. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of their friends in this hour of grief. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon.

HEAVY STORM AT EL PASO THIS AFTERNOON

A report came in over the Western Union this afternoon from El Paso, Texas, that the Pass City was visited by a very heavy rain, wind and electrical storm today, which set in about noon and continued almost all afternoon. The streets were flooded and some damage was done by lightning. However, as the rain was badly needed, the people there will probably overlook the unpleasant features of the storm.

The case of Charles H. Field company against Nabor Ortiz was on hearing before Judge W. J. Mills this morning. It seems that some weeks ago the plaintiff obtained judgment for \$2,000 and the defendant, through his attorney, of Albuquerque, seeks to have the judgment by default set aside, claiming to have a good and valid defense to the suit.

Fred Linderman is today clerking in the store of H. H. Noyes on Douglas avenue. Mr. Noyes is operating a booth at the encampment grounds with J. J. Simpkins.

Watch Specials

A few specials which we are offering for a short time at SPOT CASH ONLY.

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JOHN B. McMANUS, Secretary.

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